



CITY OF SANTA CLARA
YOUTH COMMISSION MINUTES
March 11, 2008

The City of Santa Clara Youth Commission met for their regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, March 11, 2008 at 6:00pm at the Santa Clara Teen Center, 2446 Cabrillo Avenue, Santa Clara, California.

Present: Commissioners: Ferheen Abbasi, Kelsi Auday, Paul Barghouth, Vanessa Harsh, Noama Iftexhar, Jennifer Juniega, Kristina Little, Brian Mulligan, Zedric Ochoa, Niral Patel, Eric Spinks and Alex Vargas

Absent: Anya Vo - unexcused
Tammy Nguyen -unexcused
Zahida Mubeen - unexcused

Guests: none

Staff Present: Jennifer Herb, Recreation Supervisor
Nan Choi, Young Adult Librarian

Matters for City Council Action – None

- I. CALL TO ORDER - The meeting was called to order by Chair, Zedric Ochoa at 6:11p.m.
- II. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS – none
- III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM JANUARY 8, 2008 MEETING – Paul Barghouth made a motion to amend the minutes with the following changes: IV C, a – should read Donut Dangle, not Donut Dance, d – should read CCOC not CCOS, VII B – should read Admission price was not Admission price s. Ferheen Abbasi seconded the motion. Eric Spinks made a motion to approve the amended minutes, seconded by Brian Mulligan.
- IV. CORRESPONDENCE/COMMUNICATIONS–
 - A. Arch Bishop Mitty
 - a. March 1 – 3, WASC visitation
 - b. March 6 – Monarch Madness
 - c. March 7 – Holiday
 - d. March 11 – Shepherd Forum
 - e. March 12 & 13 – Lenten Reconciliation Services
 - f. March 14 – Basketball State Championships
 - g. March 21 – Holiday

- h. March 24 – 28, Easter Vacation
- B. Santa Clara
 - a. March 11 & 12 - CAHSEE
 - b. March 14 – Lip Sync
 - c. March 17 – 21, Diversity Week
 - d. March 21 – Cultural food Faire
 - e. March 28 – Sadie Hawkins dance, “Grease”
 - f. April 8 – No School
 - g. April 10 – Blood Drive
 - h. April 14 – Renaissance Rally
- C. Wilcox
 - a. March 4 – RA meeting
 - b. March 5 – Fantastics Hall decorating
 - c. March 6 – Choir Concert
 - d. March 7 – Fantastics competition
 - e. March 13 – Spring Concert
 - f. March 18 – Blood Drive
 - g. March 20 – Winter Sports Awards Night
 - h. March 22 – Sony Star Bowl-a-thon
 - i. March 29 – Sadie Hawkins dance
 - j. March 31 – Multi-Cultural week
 - k. March 31 & April 1 – Food Faire
- D. Peterson
 - a. February 25 – March 1, Soccer tryouts
 - b. March 4 – Championship boys basketballs vs. Don Callejon – Peterson won
 - c. March 6 – 7, Dodge Ball tournament
 - d. March 11 – Pennies for Patients
 - e. March 11 – Inter-mural basketball sign-ups
 - f. March 12 – CCOC field trip
- E. Library
 - a. March 11 – SAT follow-up
 - b. March 12 – Movie/book study, “Stardust”
 - c. April 22 – SAT Essay workshop

SUMMARY OF CITY COUNCIL ACTIONS – Jennifer Herb informed the Youth Commission that the Parks and Recreation Director position was open for recruitment.

V. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Leader in Training Experience (LITE) applications available - Jennifer Herb informed the Youth Commission about the LITE program and encouraged those between the ages of 14 – 16 to apply.
- B. Halo 2 tournament, February 15 – Jon Kawada informed the Youth Commission about the tournament at the Teen Center. Admission price was \$10.00 per team.
- C. Drivers Education, February 18 – 22 – Jennifer Herb informed the Youth Commission that due to low enrollment, those signed up for the February, Driver Education class, were able to take the class at Sunnyvale or Cupertino Parks and Recreation or Valley Christian High School.

- D. YAC Attack, March 8 – The Youth Commission participated in a one day conference put on by CPRS District IV, Youth and Teen Recreation Services, at Burlingame High School. The Youth Commission presented a workshop on teambuilding as well as Jennifer Herb presented a workshop on “What to Expect Your Freshman Year of College.” Over 350 Youth Commissioners from around the Bay Area attended this day of workshops, networking and inspirational speakers.

VI. COMMITTEE MEETINGS

- A. Transportation – the transportation committee is on hold, as City Staff are in the stages of preparing a report for City Council. Depending on the outcome, a committee meeting will be set for March 25 at 4:30pm.
- B. BMX Park - the BMX committee is on hold, as City Staff are in the stages of preparing a report for City Council. Depending on the outcome, a committee meeting will be set for March 25 at 7:00pm.
- C. Intergenerational – The Intergenerational committee met to brainstorm decorating ideas for the Intergenerational Dance on April 12. A committee meeting was set for March 25 at 5:30pm.
- D. Moon Dance Film Festival – The Moon Dance committee met to continue discussing the event scheduled for May 30. The entry form was emailed to all Youth Commissioners to hand out to friends and those interested in submitting a film. A committee meeting was set for March 25 at 6:00pm.
- E. Philanthropy – The Philanthropy committee met to discuss a new possibility for philanthropy. They are looking at donating hair to Locks of Love. This would be on a smaller scale, with a group of individuals going in together to have their hair cut and then donated. A committee meeting was set for March 25 at 5:00pm.
- F. Scholarship – The Scholarship committee met to develop the list of questions that they would ask the scholarship applicants. The committee also decided who would sit on the interview panel on Saturday, April 19. A committee meeting was set for March 25 at 6:30pm.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. March 22 - Easter Egg Hunt - The Youth Commission will be selling Easter Baskets at the annual Easter Egg Hunt. The Youth Commission will be using this opportunity as the last fundraiser for the scholarship fund.
- B. March 28 – Deadline for the Youth Commission term and scholarship applications. Jennifer Herb reminded the Youth Commission that the deadline is coming up.
- C. April 1 - Deadline to register for Disneyland/California Adventure, Spring Break Trip with the Teen Center.
- D. April 12 – Intergenerational Dance – The Youth Commission will be hosting the Intergenerational Dance again. From 2:00pm – 5:00pm, participants can enjoy music from all eras and refreshments. Admission is free.
- E. April 14 – Deadline for the LITE (Leader in Training Experience) applications. Applications are available at the Community Recreation Center, Teen Center, SCUSD High Schools and City Hall.
- F. April 14 – 18 – No After-school program at the Teen Center due to Spring Break.
- G. April 19 - Youth Commission term and scholarship interviews held at the Teen Center.
- H. April 26 – Neighborhood Clean-up – The Youth Commission is teaming up with the Senior Center to provide home-bound Seniors with yard up-keep.

VIII. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS – none

- IX. ADJOURN – A motion was made by Zedric Ochoa and seconded by Brian Mulligan, to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 p.m. Meeting was adjourned to the next scheduled meeting, Tuesday, April 8, 2008 at the Teen Center.

Minutes Prepared by: _____

Jennifer Herb
Youth Commission Staff Liaison
Recreation Supervisor